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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/846,376

Filed: May 2, 2001

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
TRACKING THE ONLINE  
STATUS OF ACTIVE USERS OF  
AN INTERNET-BASED INSTANT  
MESSAGING SYSTEM

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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph previously inserted on page 1 after the title with the  
following:

This application claims the benefit of priority from U.S. provisional application  
number 60/203,583, filed May 11, 2000.

**REMARKS**

By this Amendment, Applicants amend the benefit of priority to remove  
International Application No. PCT/SG00/00069, filed May 11, 2000. Applicants have

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